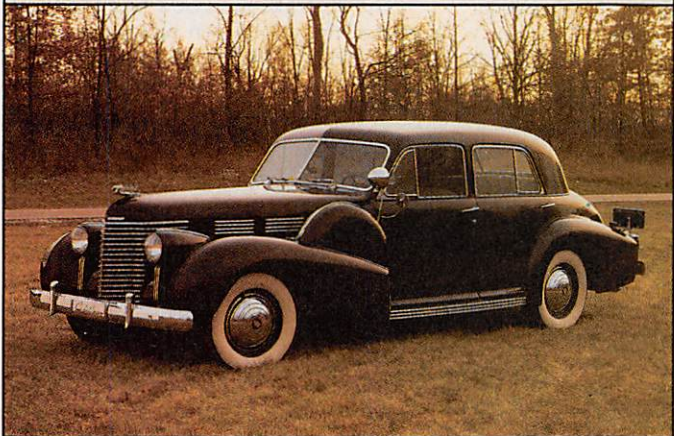
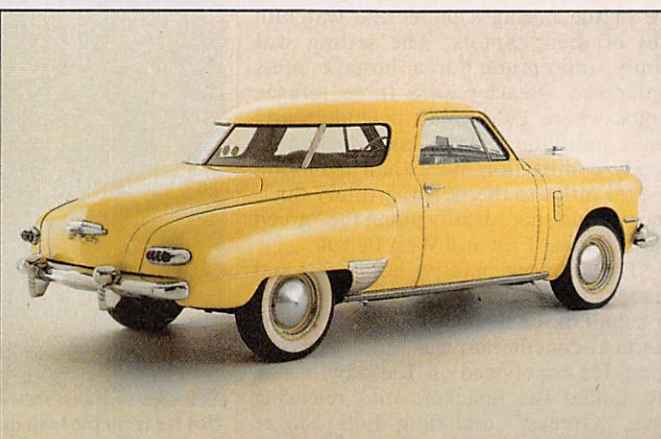
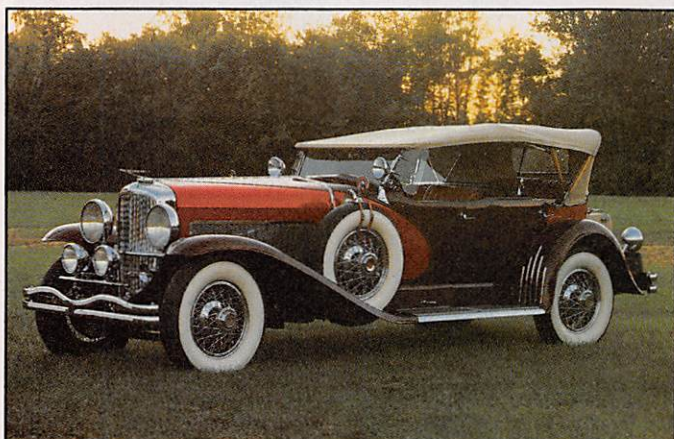


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over the past three years, and is thought to be the area where some of the seven American, one British and four French kidnap victims are currently being held.

The remaining hostages from Flight 847 were installed at one or more locations. "We eat, we sleep, we smoke," said Peter Hill, 57, of Hoffman Estates, Ill., at the midweek news conference given by five of the hostages under the watchful eyes of their captors. The setting was grimly appropriate for a hostage press conference. Nearby were three refugee camps where Palestinian defenders and Amal militiamen have been locked in bloody combat for more than a month. Several miles to the north, artillery duels were flaring sporadically along the "green line" dividing East and West Beirut.

The hostages' putative host was Amal Leader Nabih Berri, who is negotiating on behalf of the hijackers. One of his first efforts at conciliation was mildly encouraging. He announced on Tuesday that he had talked the hijackers into releasing three "Greeks," including Folk Singer Demis Roussos. The others turned out to be the singer's American secretary, Pamela Smith, and an American of Greek descent, Arthur Targotsidis, 18, of Brockton, Mass. Roussos bumbled with good feelings as he told reporters that the gunmen were "so nice to me, I cannot tell you." In fact, said Roussos, he had sung for his captors at their request, and they had presented him with a cake on his 39th birthday, which had occurred on the second day of the hijacking.

But all was not sweetness and light at Beirut airport. A gunman aboard the plane had told the Beirut tower that if there was no progress in the negotiations by the next morning, the terrorists would order the explosives-laden jetliner to be flown to Israel and blown up over Tel Aviv. An Amal militiaman scolded the gunman and ordered him "not to make any such threats." There were reports from Israel that had the hijackers tried to take off again in the TWA plane, the Israelis would have fired at the 727's tail section from a missile boat offshore, hoping to incapacitate the plane without killing everyone aboard.

On Wednesday reporters from the French news agency Agence France Presse and ABC News were invited by militiamen to walk out onto the tarmac to have a chat with TWA Captain John Testrake, 57, pilot of the ill-fated Flight 847. He sat in the cockpit, looking fit but somewhat in need of a shave, with a pistol-toting gunman at his side. Not far away was the hulk of a Jordanian airliner destroyed by Shi'ite terrorists a week earlier.

Testrake warned that any rescue attempt by the U.S. would be futile. Said he: "I think we'd all be dead men because we are continuously surrounded by many, many guards." He confirmed that the two original hijackers were nowhere to be seen, adding, "The gunmen are constantly changing." Testrake said he wanted his family and friends to know "that the Lord



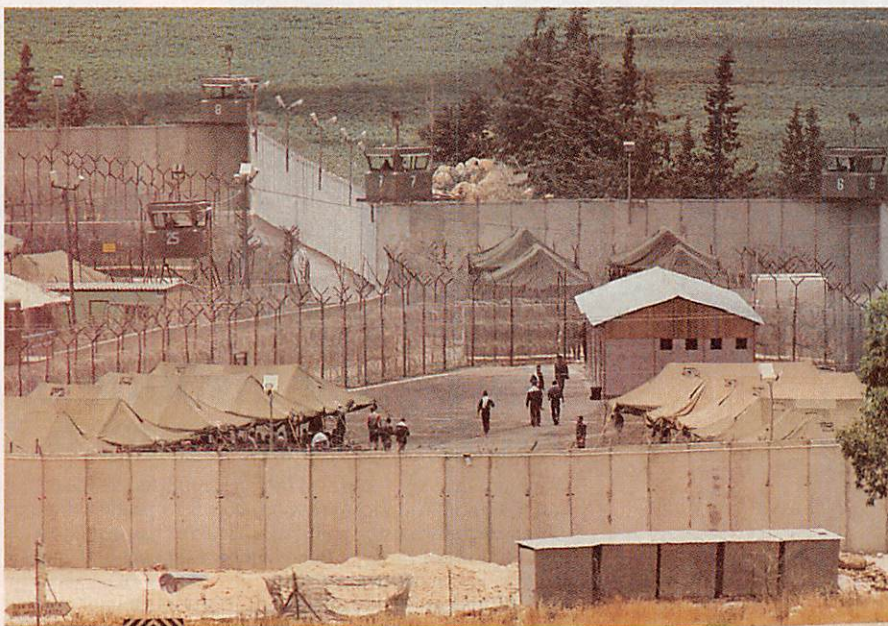
Not far from the hulk of the Jordanian plane, Shi'ite militiamen operate an anti-aircraft gun

has taken good care of us so far, and he has seen us through many trying times and will see us through to the end." At one point, a gunman fired through a window to keep other reporters and photographers away. Flight Engineer Benjamin Zimmermann, 45, of Cascade, Idaho, sent greetings to his wife, children and father. Zimmermann, who is a Lutheran pastor, evidently had not been told that his father, the Rev. Elmer Zimmermann, had died in St. Louis four days earlier while attending a prayer vigil for his son.

A gunman later requested that three toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap be sent to the plane for Testrake, Zimmermann and the third crewman, First Officer Phillip Maresca of Salt Lake City. Every day, the hijackers called the control tower for food and newspapers, as if ordering

from room service. "What's for lunch?" they asked. "Cheese and jam sandwiches," the tower replied on one occasion. "Oh, no," the hijacker complained. "No more cheese and jam sandwiches. We want meat, something with meat." Airport authorities reportedly sent 80 portions of chicken and rice, 80 salads and 80 coconut cakes to the plane. Later in the week, they sent 80 small jars of jam, 80 packs of butter and the same number of bread rolls. In his cockpit interview, Testrake remarked: "They sometimes bring us airline food and sometimes Lebanese food. I'd say on the whole the food's O.K."

The Testrake interview had a side effect that the militiamen had not counted on: it stirred up the crowd of foreign journalists on hand. They pressed harder for



Lebanese Shi'ite detainees at Israel's Atlit prison, south of the port city of Haifa

*The President said he would not make a request to Jerusalem to release its prisoners.*